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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated **December 19, 2005** in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of **three months**, from **March 19, 2006** to **June 19, 2006**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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